



## **Nurses Make A Difference Through Advocacy!**

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As a respected organization statewide, the Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) advocates for the best work conditions for our members and the very best health care conditions for our patients. Through the ONA, nurses make a difference across the state in patient's lives each day.

The ONA Government Relations program reaches out to community partners, elected officials and other health care organizations advocating these same goals – the very best working conditions as well as patient care. Advocacy helps us pass policy into law that improves Oregon nurses ability to work and provide care. The advocacy program is statewide with an eventual goal of having a powerful representation in each legislative district in Oregon. Our program is new and constantly growing. What we need is YOU!

Whether you have an hour a month or one morning a week, please contact the program to find out what we are doing in your area. YOU can achieve goals in your local community that improve nursing conditions statewide.

*It is about nurses making a difference in their communities.*

*It is about nurses working in union to promote nursing  
and an improved health care system in Oregon.*

Advocacy activities include:

- Community forums and presentations on health care or labor issues
- Discussions about nursing and patient care with elected officials
- Employing your understanding of the issues and nursing experience
- House parties supporting local organizations or candidates that support nursing
- Letter to the editor campaigns and opinion pieces on select topics
- Outreach through canvassing, phone banking and tabling to members
- Trainings and presentations for new members and nursing advocates

**Concerned about the state of health care and nursing?**

**Become a nursing advocate!**

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